

## **IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION NOTICE**

Separate from this mailing, in January 2015, you will receive your 2014 1099-R from SDRS. This 1099-R will contain information you will need in preparing your income tax return. Both the total amounts of benefits paid during the year and taxable benefits will be shown. The total amount of benefits is reflected as "Gross Distribution" in Box 1 and taxable benefits are reflected as "Taxable Amount" in Box 2A. The difference (if any) between the gross distribution (Box 1) and taxable amount (Box 2A) represents a partial recovery of your previously taxed contributions to the South Dakota Retirement System.

In determining the recovery portion of the total benefit, SDRS used the IRS "Simplified" method. According to the IRS, the "Simplified" method allows for tax-free recovery of your previously taxed contributions. The amount of your tax exclusion (if any) for this year appears as "Employee Contributions or Insurance Premiums" in Box 5. Consequently, Box 5 does not pertain in any way to health or life insurance premiums paid by you or your former employer.

Further information regarding the "Simplified" method may be found in the instructions for IRS Form 1040.

NOTE: If you are the beneficiary of a deceased member who died before August 21, 1996, you may qualify for a death benefit exclusion of up to \$5,000. If this is applicable, we suggest you contact your tax preparer for further assistance as SDRS is not allowed to determine the non-taxable portion of the death benefit exclusion.

This notice has been supplied to you in accordance with IRS Notice 98-2.

## Please retain this notice for future tax years.

